

### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 10 of the specification to read as follows:

FIGURE 8 shows the expression of a gene product encoding for RAMP in the tumor of a HCC patient. The gene products encoding for RAMP from protein extracts of a HCC patient is shown as "N" for normal tissues adjacent to the tumor (Fig. 8B); "T" for tumor samples (Fig. 8B); "U" for undifferentiated NT2 cells used to normalize the expression of RAMP between blots (Fig. 8A) and "D" for differentiated NT2 cells by retinoic acid (Fig. 8A).

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 9 of the specification to read as follows:

Unless stated otherwise, all procedures were performed using standard protocols and following manufacturer's instructions where applicable. Standard protocols for various techniques including PCR, molecular cloning, manipulation and sequencing, the manufacture of antibodies, epitope mapping and mimotope design, cell culturing and phage display, are described in texts such as McPherson, M.J. *et al.* (1991, PCR: A practical approach, Oxford University Press, Oxford), Sambrook, J. *et al.* (1989, Molecular cloning: a laboratory manual, Cold Spring Harbour Laboratory, New York), Huynh and Davies (1985, "DNA Cloning Vol I – A Practical Approach", IRL Press, Oxford, Ed. D.M. Glover), Sanger, F. *et al.* (1977, PNAS USA 74(12): 5463-5467), Harlow, E. and Lane, D. ("Using Antibodies: A Laboratory Manual", Cold Spring Harbour Laboratory Press, New York, 1998), Jung, G. and Beck-Sickinger, A.G. (1992, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Eng., 31: 367-486), Harris, M.A. and Rae, I.F. ("General Techniques of Cell Culture", 1997, Cambridge University Press, ISBN 0521 573645), "Phage Display of Peptides and Proteins: A Laboratory Manual" (Eds. Kay, B.K., Winter, J., and

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McCafferty, J., Academic Press Inc., 1996, ISBN 0-12-402380-0). Reagents and equipment useful in, amongst others, the methods detailed herein are available from the likes of Amersham (<http://www.amersham.co.uk>), Boehringer Mannheim (<http://www.boehringer-ingenelheim.com>), Clontech (<http://www.clontech.com>), Genosys (<http://www.genosys.com>), Millipore (<http://www.millipore.com>), Novagen (<http://www.novagen.com>), Perkin Elmer (<http://www.perkinelmer.com>), Pharmacia (<http://www.pharmacia.com>), Promega (<http://www.promega.com>), Qiagen (<http://www.qiagen.com>), Sigma (<http://www.sigma-aldrich.com>) and Stratagene (<http://www.Stratagene.com>).